

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested. 1 through 6, 8 through 23, and 28 through 37 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 7, claims 25 through 27, and claims 38 through 50 are pending. In this Amendment, claims 26, 27, 39 through 42, 44 through 46 and 50 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to further clarify the invention. No new matter is added.

Applicants have amended the claims to remove the multiple dependencies.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding the present response, the Examiner is invited to contact Ajay A. Jagtiani at 703-591-2664, Ext. 2001.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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